

DOCUMENTS & WEBSITES ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING & THE RELATIONSHIP TO PROPERTY VALUES

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WEBSITES & WEB Documents

HOUSING'S IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY –

Submitted to the Millennial Housing Commission / National Association of Home Builders – Washington, DC: NAHB, 2001

http://www.mhc.gov/papers/nahb.doc

Excerpt on property values states, "Contrary to popular perceptions, multifamily projects do not have an adverse impact on surrounding property values. Data from the AHS provide the evidence."

WHY AFFORDABLE HOUSING DOES NOT LOWER PROPERTY VALUES-

Habitat for Humanity International by Homebase/The Center For Common Concerns, San Francisco (1996)

http://www.habitat.org/how/propertyvalues.html

Report includes summary of the issue plus annotated bibliography of studies where findings support the assertion.

THE HOUSE NEXT DOOR -

Innovative Housing Institute by Joyce Siegel and Grier Partnership (Rev. 2001) http://www.inhousing.org/housenex.htm

Web resource includes summary of findings from neighborhood surveys. Surveys include quantitative results in price behavior for Fairfax County, VA & Montgomery County, MD.

THE TRUTH ABOUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING -

Bridge Housing Corporation by Bradley Inman (San Francisco Examiner 1993) http://www.bridgehousing.com/misc/truth.html

Article includes announcement of report by U.C. Berkeley Institute of Urban & Regional Development (IURD), which discusses projects in San Francisco, San Mateo, and Alameda counties.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO NEIGHBORING PROPERTY VALUES – McLean County Regional Planning Commission, Illinois (1998)

http://www.mcplan.org/c p/brochures/Aff Hous-std.pdf

Brochure includes bibliography featuring how well designed affordable housing units benefit neighborhoods and communities without lowering property values.

WHY AFFORDABLE HOUSING DOES NOT LOWER PROPERTY VALUES-

Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern California (San Francisco, CA, 1994?) http://www.nonprofithousing.org/actioncenter/toolbox/acceptance/affhousingpropyalues.pdf

Tool Box issue paper for use by affordable housing advocates. Includes facts vs. common attitudes analysis and features the Habitat for Humanity International bibliography of studies on the topic (cited above).

REPORTS & ARTICLES

LOCKED OUT: 2002 - California's affordable housing crisis continues /

California Budget Project (CBP) -- Sacramento, CA: CBP, 2002.

Available full text at the World Wide Web:

http://www.cbp.org/2002/LockedOut2002.pdf

Over half the renters in the state's metropolitan areas spend more than the recommended 30 percent of their income on housing; a quarter spend more than half of their incomes for shelter. California's ongoing lack of affordable housing makes it difficult for businesses to attract and retain workers, exacerbating suburban sprawl, traffic congestion, and air pollution, and forcing low-wage workers to choose between a long commute and living in substandard housing. California's rate of homeownership has fallen to the 4th lowest in the nation...

THE DIFFERENTIAL IMPACTS OF FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING PROGRAMS ON NEARBY PROPERTY VALUES: A Philadelphia case study

/ Wachter, Susan M.; Lee, Chang-Moo; Culhane, Dennis P -- Washington, DC: Fannie Mae Foundation, 1999.

Housing Policy Debate – V. 10, no. 1, p. 75-93

Article includes bibliographical references.

Available full text at the World Wide Web:

http://www.fanniemaefoundation.org/programs/hpd/pdf/hpd 1001 lee.pdf

[The authors] analysis shows modest to slightly negative impacts of public housing and Section 8 rental assistance on local property values after controlling for neighborhood characteristics. In contrast, Federal Housing Administration insured housing, Section 8 New Construction, and public housing homeownership programs have positive effects. Although the study involved just one city, Philadelphia, it challenges the common negative perception and provides interesting insights into the complicated relationship that multifamily has on its surrounding housing markets.

LOW-INCOME HOUSING IN OUR BACKYARDS: What Happens to

Residential Property Values? / MaRous, Michael S.

The Appraisal Journal (January 1996, p. 27-33)

See: Low Income Housing: Selected References / Urban Land Institute:

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May be ordered at the World Wide Web:

http://www.uli.org/Pub/Pages/d search/Bookstore New/getbook.cf m?ordernumber=351

LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS & PROPERTY VALUES / Green, Richard K.; Malpezzi, Stephen; Seah, Kiat-Ying / Center for Urban Land Economics Research -- Madison, WI: The University of Wisconsin, 2002.

Available full text at the World Wide Web:

http://www.wheda.com/cat tca/uw study.pdf

Executive Summary: "To this point, our results for Wisconsin are generally consistent with results in other studies: we have not been able to find evidence that Section 42 developments cause property values to deteriorate. The exception is Milwaukee County, where properties that are distant from the developments seem to appreciate more rapidly, although the magnitude of the effect is small. We have found no evidence of an impact in Waukesha and Ozaukee, and find evidence that properties in Madison near Section 42 developments appreciate more rapidly." - (p. 4).

RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS AND NEIGHBORING PROPERTY VALUES: An Analysis of BRIDGE Housing Corporation Developments in the San Francisco Bay Area / Cummings, Paul M. -

- Berkeley: University of California, Berkeley Institute of Urban and Regional Development (IURD), 1993.

IURD Working Paper No. 599

http://www-iurd.ced.berkeley.edu/srcpubs.htm

MONOGRAPHS

THE HOMEVOTER HYPOTHESIS: How local values influence local government taxation / Fischel, William A -- Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2001. Monograph includes bibliographical references.

Table of contents & purchase information at the World Wide Web: http://www.hup.harvard.edu/catalog/FISHOM.html

Just as investors want the companies they hold equity in to do well, homeowners have a financial interest in the success of their communities. If neighborhood schools are good, if property taxes and crime rates are low, then the value of the homeowner's principal asset--his home--will rise. Thus, as William Fischel shows, homeowners become watchful citizens of local government, not merely to improve their quality of life, but also to counteract the risk to their largest asset, a risk that cannot be diversified.